THE

“ALLISON CHALICE”

OCTOBER - 2023



## ALLISON

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**(Disciples of Christ)**

**ALLISON, PA 15413**

PRAISES & NEWS

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**We have many people** on our prayer list who are in need of your continued prayer. Please look at the list of names inside this newsletter. We are a church that strongly believes in the power of prayer – so thank you for speaking to God on each person’s behalf.

Thankful

**Jennie and Bob Peton** were excited to show the congregation the cover of Scout Life magazine that was recently published in August. Their grandson, Caleb Sepesy was featured on the cover. Congratulations Caleb !!!!



**Carol Ludwig** was very happy to be back to church after having shoulder surgery. She thanked God for the way the surgery and recovery has been and also thanked everyone for the cards and prayers. And we are happy that she is back because she was missed – not the same without you!

\*Carol also said that the company that her daughter works for had put a team together to work on something very important and in the end the results were good. Amen.

**Pastor Mike Peton** was happy to be back from vacation. He and Nancy had an exciting time with a bear scare on a walking path but then they darted off to the beach for sunshine and rest. Glad to have you both back!

**Bob Peton** said that Coco Gauff won her first major title at the US Open. After the match, the 19-year-old American said, "Oh my goodness, it means so much to me. That [2022] French Open loss was a heartbreak for me. But I realized God puts you through tribulations and trials and that makes this moment even sweeter than I could have imagined."

**Shelley Williams** really liked that the Vietnam Memorial Wall was back at the Brownsville Area High School in September.

**Susie Combs** gave praise that Nancy Evans eye surgery went well and that Nancy was doing well. And then we were very happy to have Nancy back with us in church the following Sunday. Glad to have you back!

**Lori Rosneck** gave thanks to Denise Marker for riding with her to the Pittsburgh airport – enlightening trip but fun. And also, to Denise for taking Tracy and herself to Ohio for a fun and relaxing day.

 To start the Prayer Chain, call our Prayer Captain, Lori Rosneck, with your prayer request at 724-984-7757.

Anyone who is not receiving the prayer chain notices within our congregation, or if your phone number has changed, please give your phone number to Lori. (These messages include prayers, reminders for church activities, etc.)

**INTERESTING FACT FOR**

PASTOR MIKE AND BOB

Did you know that there are 336 dimples on a regulation golf ball?

A GOOD REMINDER

Ways to Strengthen Your Relationship with God Every Day

It’s easy to feel close to God on Sundays or when we receive something we’ve prayed for. But strong relationships can’t just be tended to every once in a while, or only when we “feel like it.” So, how do we draw near to God and maintain this relationship in the in-between times?

Here are five ways you can strengthen your relationship with God every single day.

Prayer Our human relationships grow and develop through communication—and our relationship with God is the same. Through prayer, we can express both our thanksgiving and our concerns. Starting and ending your day by talking to God is a great way to strengthen your faith and reliance on him.

Worship Whether it’s in your car on the way to work or while you clean the house, listening to worship music can be a great way to center your heart on God. You don’t have to sing aloud to worship either. Let your heart and mind reflect on the words of worship being sung, and praise God.

Bible Reading If someone close to you wrote you a letter or email, would you take the time to read it? God has given us the Bible so we can learn to know him more. Some even describe the Bible as “God’s love letter” to us. When we take time to read his Word, we discover who God is and who we are.

Reflection Life is noisy and never seems to slow down. Even when we do take the time to read our Bible, listen to worship music, and pray, we can still easily miss the quieter ways God might want to speak to us. Taking time to intentionally slow down and reflect is vitally important for growing our relationship with God.

Serving Others It’s easy to make our faith all about “me and God.” However, God commands us to love him and others. When we serve others, we act as God’s hands and feet to the world and become more like him in the process. As we walk with God, his love should overflow out of us and into the lives of those around us.

**GOD'S GIFTS**

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Read 1 Corinthians 12:7

*To each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given*

*for the common good.*

*--*1 Corinthians 12:7

My sister, Bev, is a retired English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher, and I am a retired nurse. We have recently become involved in meeting the needs of refugees. Trying to meet their needs can be hard work, but we remember that we are following Jesus by serving others.

We all approach life and mission work in different ways. Some may be on the go all the time, helping at every opportunity. Others may need lots of quiet, reflective time in order to accomplish their work.

I tend to compare myself to others who serve and feel I never measure up. But this notion is not from God. Today’s quoted verse tells us that each of us has a gift we can use to help one another

God does not expect us to have the same skills or energy levels as anyone else. When we recognize that God gave us each a gift meant just for us (see 1 Cor 12:11), we can put this gift to use serving one another and the Lord.

*Thank you, God, for giving us gifts ad talents.*

*Help us to use them to honor you. Amen.*

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

**HOW AM I USING MY GIFTS TO SERVE GOD?**

**Let’s be good stewards of our**

**time, talents and money**

**OCTOBER**

*Birthdays…*

2: Jacob Sepesy

2: Brittany Rosneck

3: Adam Rosneck

9: Jenna Felio

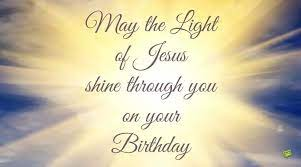
14: Norma Yeardie

17: Carl Williams

21: Nevin Konopka

30: LeRoy Marke

30: Susan Danley



*Anniversaries…*

October 4: Michael & Helena Peton

October 6: Robert & Barbara Winwood

October 23: Ron & Rebecca Rosie

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To the family and friends of the following loved ones who went to be with our Lord.

**With Sympathy**

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MARTHA LAMABERT

Monday, August 14, 2023

Susan Black

Friday, September 1, 2023

 Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**PRAYER FAMILIES**

*And this is the boldness we have in God’s presence:*

*That if we ask God for anything that agrees with what He wants,*

*He hears us.*

Each month the Evangelism Ministry selects families from the congregation to be lifted up in prayer. So please add the following to your daily prayers, and ask God to give them wisdom and guidance, and to pour out many blessings upon them, as they continue their walk with the living Lord.

**OCTOBER Prayer Families:**

1: Norma Yeardie

8: Ryan, Karly and Willow Wooldridge

15: Brandon Watson

22: Rhonda and Rob Briggs and Family

29: J.D., Krista, Jenna and Tyler Felio

**Jesus and the Holy Spirit intercede for others**

Jesus and the Holy Spirit both intercede to God the Father on our behalf. When we don’t know how to pray, or when we do a poor job at finding the right words to say, the Holy Spirit intercedes to God for us with the words that our soul is longing to say but is unable to do so. Jesus prays for us too, and that should give us tremendous comfort.

Hebrews 4:16 “Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

23. Hebrews 4:14 “Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.”

24. John 17:9 “I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours”

25. Romans 8:26 “In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.”

26. Hebrews 7:25 “Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.”

PRAYER LIST – *THE BIBLE SAYS*

*- PRAY WITHOUT CEASING –*

We must always be ready to pray, because more can be done by prayer than anything else. There are many in our congregation and community in need of prayer. There are also those with unspoken needs that only our Father in heaven is aware of. Please ask God’s healing touch and loving presence to strengthen, encourage and sustain those on our Prayer List.

Our Nation, Society & Government, Israel, Jerusalem, Missionaries, Pastors and Evangelists, World Leaders, Military, Afghanistan, Russia/Ukraine, The rise of evil

Kyle Burle (hospice)

Tarita Burle (in need of prayer)

Rich Black (the loss of his mother Sue Black)

Sam King and children (in need of prayer)

Mike Setera (lyme disease)

Our Youth Group

Mrs. Rittenhouse (knee surgery)

Willie Hudock (surgery)

Jackie Conner (exploratory surgery)

Adam Rosneck and Family (not feeling well)

UNSPOKEN: Susie Combs

If there are any names from the previous month’s list that need to be placed back on our list, please inform the church office.



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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
| 1  World Communion Sunday | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7  BAMA Christian Festival |
| 8 | 9 | 10  Board Meeting 7:00 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15  Bucks in a Basket | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21  Church Road cleanup 9:00 |
| 22  Special Guest Michael Brashear | 23 | 24  Evangelism  Visitation  6:30 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28  Trunk N Treat |
| 29  Stewardship  Kick-off | 30  Bible Study 7:00 | 31 |  |  |  |  |

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Jesus taught the Golden Rule during His Sermon on the Mount:

So, in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

(Matthew 7:12).

In other words, treat others the way you want to be treated. As you do so, you will strengthen your relationships and be happier.

SERVING AT THE LORD’S TABLE

**SERVING IN OCTOBER:**

Elders: 1: Carol Ludwig (B) Stephanie McCormick (C)

8 & 15: Bob Peton (B) Nicholas Rosneck (C)

22 & 29: Paul Rosneck (B) Rick Marker (C)

Diaconate: Bill Hughes

Alternate: Jennie Peton

Preparers: Jennie and Bob Peton

Greeter: Nancy Evans

Worship Leader: Carol Ludwig

The bread and the cup are signs of God’s everlasting covenant, God’s promise to be present with us always. Sometimes when life is difficult, we are tempted to forget that. It may seem that darkness and evil have the upper hand. But at the Lord’s Table, we are reminded that through Jesus Christ, God has overcome the darkness. When you come to the table, Christ invites you to lay your cares on the altar and receive the promise of God’s abundant love and presence.

**JUNIOR CHURCH SCHEDULE**

***\*If you are not able to serve that Sunday,***

***please call Rick Marker at - 724-785-3780.***

1 PAUL ROSNECK

8 NANCY EVANS

15 RICK MARKER

22 CAROL LUDWIG

29 STEPHANIE MCCORMICK

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**SUNDAY**

**SCHOOL TEACHERS**

Under the direction of:

Pre K – Kindergarten –

1st – 3rd Grade - Susan Toth

4th - 12th Grade - Bob Peton

Adults - Rick Marker

** **Year to Date Income – As of AUGUST**

Envelopes $36,572.82

Church 1,396.40

Capital Campaign 849.00

Special: Blanket

Soup-er Bowl

Week of Compassion 409.00

Penticost 134.00

Easter 175.00

Reconciliation

Thanksgiving

Christmas

Christmas Eve Offering

Card Order Deposit

Love Gift 450.00

Church Picnic Donation

Christmas Gift

Hall Rent

Insurance Refund

Voided Check #6685 40.71

Deposit Correction

Interest

Retreat Refund

X-Factor Tithe

Sale of Electric Piano 400.00

Bucks in a Basket 525.00

Mark Cordero 125.00

Memorial Fund 20.00

Compassion Child Bake Sale

Shipping Christmas Boxes

Campbell Apts.

Katrina (flooding collection

Rada 317.00

Fundraisers:

Jelly

Flowers 500.50

Hoagie

Pepperoni Rolls

**Total Receipts** **$41,914.43**

**Total Expenses**  **$42,751.26**

**ALLISON CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**- Treasurer’s Report –**

**AUGUST RECEIPTS**

Envelopes 3,618.71

Church 113.00

Bucks in a Basket 49.00

Special: Electric Piano 400.00

Love Gift 200.00

Memorial Fund 20.00

Capital Campaign 92.00

**TOTAL RECEIPTS $4,492.71**

**EXPENDITURES $4,812.05**

**YOUTH GROUP – TREASURER’S REPORT**

Balance as of June 30, 2023 13,028.16

NO ACTIVITY IN THE MONTH OF JULY

Balance as of July 31, 2023 13,028.16

**Musical cars: 4 families blessed in 48 hours**

One morning while I was praying, I felt prompted by God to give my car away! In our church, there was a single mother with 6 children and she was driving a Suburban and couldn’t afford the monthly gas costs. The station wagon I drove got great gas mileage, so I asked my wife what she thought about giving this family my station wagon, and she liked the idea. So, we ended up giving her our car in exchange for her Suburban. We then gave away her Suburban to a Christian camp missionary who needed a 4-wheel drive truck. We then purchased a car from a friend who desperately needed to sell one of their cars to generate some cash. This musical car exchange all happened within 48 hours from when I received a prompting from the LORD to give away my car.

**** Halloween is typically an over-commercialized affair. And there is generally a lot of controversy over whether Christians should participate in Halloween.

**Ways to Share the Gospel on Halloween**

As a Christian, do you participate in Halloween activities each year?

Halloween is a missed opportunity to [share the good news of the Gospel](https://myonecomfort.com/share-the-gospel/). We can use it as another day to glorify God and bring light to His kingdom and be a light in what is known as a dark night!

Every family has a choice in whether and how they participate in Halloween. Prayerfully consider what is the best option and if it is in alignment with what God has called you to do.

**Sharing the Gospel on Halloween**

There are many people who would be coming to your front door. How can they hear about Jesus if they don’t hear about him from a believer, like YOU.

God has sent us to the world to be witnesses not of the world. We don’t have to necessarily get dressed up or decorate our house. But [sharing the gospel](https://myonecomfort.com/share-the-gospel/) on Halloween is just as important as any other day.

**Being a Light for Jesus on Halloween**

Halloween is a great way to be a light for Jesus. On what some consider a dark holiday, we can illuminate it with the love of Christ. It is an opportunity for you to get out of your comfort zone. We are called to preach to the many and harvest the lost souls here on earth. You can be the key to letting your neighbors know about Jesus.

Here are ways to share the Gospel on Halloween

and shine light into the darkest corners of your neighborhood.

**Witnessing Stickers for Halloween Candy**

Handing out candy? You can put witnessing stickers with fun messages that will provide uplifting ways to share the Gospel. They can be simple messages like “Yes, there is something better than candy. It is being God’s friend!” Or “Life is sweeter with Jesus.” Or simply “Jesus loves you!”

**Share the Pumpkin Gospel - Pumpkin Gospel Story:**

Once there was a Gardener who planted seeds in His garden (show clean pumpkin seeds). Each day the Gardener cared for the seeds. He watered them, pulled weeds from around them, and sheltered them from the heat of the sun. The seeds grew into seedlings, which developed into plants, until one day, they produced fruit – pumpkins! The pleased Gardener looked out at His garden and said, “It is good!”

One day, the Gardener went out into his field and picked a special pumpkin (place pumpkin on the table with the uncarved side facing the audience). It was a bit dirty from laying in the garden, so he brought it inside and gently wiped it off (wipe off exterior of pumpkin). Now the pumpkin looked clean on the outside, but what about the inside?

The Gardener took a knife and cut open the top of the pumpkin (pretend to cut open the top again and take it off). And what did He find? A bunch of slimy, yucky goo! (show kids the goop – maybe even let them touch it). The Gardener wanted His special pumpkin to be beautiful, so He carefully scraped out all of the goo inside until the pumpkin was as clean inside as it was on the outside! (Remove goo and throw away. Show children the clean interior)

But the Gardener still wasn’t satisfied with the pumpkin. He decided it needed a face! So, He carefully cut out two eyes, a nose, and a big smiling mouth (Turn the carved side of the pumpkin to face the audience. Poke out the eyes, nose and mouth you carved out previously). Now the Gardener’s special pumpkin looked clean AND happy.

But the Gardener still wasn’t satisfied with the pumpkin. So, He put a light inside of it (insert candle and light it). The pumpkin glowed so beautifully! The Gardener’s special project was complete.

When friends and neighbors saw the Gardeners special pumpkin, they marveled at how He took something ordinary from His garden, cleaned it inside and out, put His light inside, and made it something extraordinary!

**Explanation of the Pumpkin Gospel:**

We are like pumpkins and God is the Gardener. God creates us and cares for us. He “chooses” us from all of the other pumpkins, but inside we all have the yucky goo – sin. (Read Rom. 3:23 and Rom. 6:23) ---Just like the Gardener cleaned out his pumpkin’s goo, God wants to clean out all our sin, too. So, He sent his Son Jesus to die for our sins, to take the punishment we deserved. (Read Rom. 5:8, John 3:16, and 1 John 1:9) ---Just like the Gardener gave the pumpkin a new face, God makes us a new creation! (Read 2 Cor. 5:17) ---Just like the Gardener put His light into the pumpkin to make it shine, so God gives us His light to shine through us! (Read 2 Cor. 4:6 and Mt. 5:16)

So, when we let God clean out our sin, by believing that Jesus died to pay the punishment that we deserve, He turns us into new creations that can shine for Him! And when others see our light, then they might want to learn how to have a light of their own, too!

This is a fun and visual way to learn about Jesus.